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December 12, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish Advent Recollection

"Pilgrimage Toward Christmas"



When : Saturday, December 18, 2021

Time: 9:30 am—12:00 pm

Where: Parish Center at St. Barbara Site

Facilitator: Sr. Agathe Bramkamp SSpS

Sr. Agathe Bramkamp is a Holy Spirit Missionary Sister. She served at the Catholic University in Taiwan for many years. For about fifteen years, she was involved in formation work of young members in the US province of the Congregation. For some years now, she has worked as a spiritual companion.



All are welcome! Please RSVP by Monday Dec. 13th:

office@smotherteresaparish.org or 312-842-6777 or 312-842-6979.

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Barbara Chapel

Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday: 8 a.m.

St. Barbara Church

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 6 a.m./9:30 a.m.

Indonesian: 2nd Sunday: 11:30 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

First Saturday Healing Mass

St. Barbara Chapel: 8 a.m.

The Rosary

Sunday 5:30 a.m. Before 6 a.m. Mass

St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8 a.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Cantonese: 1st Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Mandarin: 2nd Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (TBA)

4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

Mondays with Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4-5 p.m. Rosary and 5-6 p.m. Holy Hour

First Friday Holy Hour: 7 p.m.



Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Barbara Worship Site

Saturday, Dec. 11th Vigil | Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family
+ Delbert & Helen Wiese by Daughter Jane Fockler

Sunday, Dec. 12th— Third Sunday of Advent

6:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Felicito L. Obaob, Jr.
By Nanay
+ Linda Zyla by Christina Krupa

9:30 a.m. Health Blessing for Nancy Tarka by Arlene O'Brien
Health Blessing for Lorraine Fritch by Sue Napierkowski
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family
+ Andrew & Catherine Lech by B. Glabicki
+ Dorothy Lech by B. Glabicki
+ Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb by Angelica, Emmanuel & Jeremy King

11:30a.m. INDONESIAN MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 14th | Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 16th— Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Mary Lydon by BiJiang Lin

Saturday, Dec. 18th— | Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Mother's Day Remembrance

Saturday, Dec. 18th Vigil | Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Divine Mercy for All by C. Kisielente & Family
+ Theresa Hill, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion Roti
+ Birthday Remembrance, Caterina (Nonna) Barbaro by Dominic Barbaro

Sunday, Dec. 19th— Fourth Sunday of Advent

6:00 a.m. + James "JJ" Bertucci, Sr. by Family

9:30 a.m. Health Blessings for Denise Ball by Sue Napierkowski
+ Frances Beyer by B. Glabicki
+ Herman Jandrisitz by B. Glabicki
+ Stanley Hanson by B. Glabicki
+ Teresita Villafuerte Holcomb by Angelica, Emmanuel & Jeremy King

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, Dec. 12th | Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. + Sau Fong Yuan by Margaret & Teresa
+ Lucy Catalano by Debbie Annoreno
+ Jimmy Annoreno by Debbie Annoreno

10:30 a.m. Healing Blessing for Roberta Cheong by Linda & Michele Young
+ Florence Yu by Geraldine Kwan
+ Al DiFranco by Gertrude Chan
+ Arcio Rendor by Linda Myers
+ Linda Fong by Marian Torrez & Family

Monday, Dec. 13th | Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

8:00 a.m. + Charles Palumbo by Wife, Rosetta Palumbo

Wednesday, Dec. 15th | Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 17th | Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Jean Fornek by Betty Pienta
+ Vincent Briglio by Wife & Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

St. Barbara

Saturday, Dec. 18th:

5 p.m. Lector: B. Hudren, E. Kroner
Eucharistic Minister: C. Sokolowski

Sunday, Dec. 19th:

6 a.m. Lector: J. Bertucci
Eucharistic Minister: J. Balasa

9:30 a.m. Lector: B. Pienta, W. Podrazik
Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski

St. Therese

Sunday, Dec. 19th:

8:00 a.m. Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe
Lectors: A. Romallosa, M. Costa
St. Michael Ministry: Chris

10:30 a.m. Greeters: C. Lee, J. Yee, D. Lowe
Lectors: Family Mass
Eucharistic Ministers: Jade (Altar), Edy (Choir)
St. Michael Ministry: Tim

Congratulations and Thanks



Congratulations to **Greyson Perry Lau**, child of **Christopher** and **Donna Lau**, grandson of **Rose** and **Perry Lau**, who was baptized this past week at St. Therese Church. We rejoice with the Lau family and assure them of our prayers.



Fr. Francis Li
PASTOR

Thanks to all who attended our celebration of the Feast of St. Barbara. Special thanks to almost 50 of our students for presenting roses to St. Barbara and to their catechists, teachers and parents for helping and supporting their participation. Special thanks also to **Judy Lukwinski**, **Dolores Becatti** and **Barbara Hudren** for their hard work in preparing and serving at the reception after mass.



Stay Safe & Work and Pray for Peace

This past Tuesday was a scary and painful day for our community. After the carjacking on Alexander Street in the morning, there was a shooting on West 23rd Place around 12:30pm. A 71 year old long-time resident of Chinatown was shot and killed just one block from our school. Needless to say, our school was on high alert. Thankfully, this tragic event was an isolated incident and the shooter was apprehended quickly. Our prayers and sympathy go to the victim and his family. Safety is our top priority. These tragic events remind us to be extra vigilant and to work harder for safety and peace. We condemn all sorts of violence; and we pray for peace during this holy season.

Peace, Fr. Francis

School Mass and Reconciliation:

During this joyful Advent season, as we await and prepare for the coming of our Savior, our students spent time to reflect and repent during confession after our monthly campus masses.



SCHOOL NEWS



Attention students in grades 4-12

Do you want to take an active role in the Mass?
Be an altar server! Training is available!

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items used in Mass, what is involved in putting
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You can serve at either worship site.

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or the parish office at 312/842-6777

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email Ms. Yong at nyong@sttheresechicago.org
Or buy online at sttheresechicago.org

The Drawing takes place at the conclusion of our
Christmas Pageant at St. Barbara Church on Wednesday,
Dec. 15 at 6pm.

'WHAT SHOULD WE DO?' Sister Caritas

There are many questions in our lives. Many are provoked
by events and situations which happen, usually things we
cannot control or think we are prepared for, or do not have
the answers. Some answers come through prayer or can be
found in discussions with people who have experience and
wisdom. Some answers we may even find on the computer.
We often look for directions on driving somewhere new to
us.

The Jewish people had been waiting for the coming of the
savior, promised by God to Adam and Eve, for many hun-
dreds of years. Scripture had given them some clues of
what would indicate his coming. Isaiah foretold many things
about the coming savior. Today's Gospel shows us John the
Baptist, coming like a prophet of the Old Testament. He
speaks the words of Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord".
He is preaching to crowds from many levels of the classes of

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS AT ST. BARBARA:

Christmas Donations as of 12/08/2021
Thank You to all who contributed!

Juan & Nora Rodriguez	350.00
Thomas & Libia Peaz-Howard	100.00
Anonymous	30.00
Total Donated as of 12/08/2021	\$480.00

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Christmas Donations as of 12/08/2021
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his time. Each one has a question. "What should we do?" It
is a question most of us have asked at one time or another.
John the Baptist responds to the questions asked of him. The
people recognize his message and took it to heart. "WHAT
ARE WE TO DO? In each answer John looks at what would
help the people get ready. "Share your food and clothes
with those who have none. Be just in your work. Act justly
act fairly, tell the truth." We are two weeks from Christmas,
the coming of the Savior again in our lives. We are filled
with expectations. "What are we to do?" Look at your life.
What change in your life, words, heart, can you make or
start to make to prepare for the coming of the savior? It is
never too late to open your heart to the Holy Spirit and
God's grace. Get Ready. Nothing is impossible with the
power and grace of God. What are we, are you, going to
do?

news and events

St. Vincent DePaul Society is collecting gloves, hats, scarves and socks for the homeless and needy. St. James will distribute the items collected. Our parish school will give your child 1 hr. service credit for every three items donated for the collection. See the fliers in back of the church and children will also be given one in class. We are also still collecting can and dry goods for our food drive benefiting the Benton House pantry. The two collections will run thru December 31.

Baby Bottle Project for Advent



Our parish is participating in this project for Advent to benefit the ministry of the Women's Center. Please pick up a Baby Bottle at the church entrance and return it at the end of Advent.

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(One pack/box per family and free will donations are appreciated.)

They are available at the St. Barbara Church entrance table.
Thanks!

Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:



4pm-5pm: Rosary on the Streets
5pm-6pm: Holy Hour
All are welcome!

GOOD SHEPHERD CATECHISM



Children from 3-7 years old are invited to join the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity while parents attend 10:30 am mass.

When: Sundays from 10:30-11:30 am

Where: Community Room at STWS



DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY by Fr. John Cuff

This third Sunday of Advent is called "Rejoice Sunday," and in his Letter to the Philippians, St. Paul emphasizes joy: "Rejoice in the Lord always" (4:4) and "Do not worry about anything." (4:6). This recalls the song by Bobby McFerrin, "Don't Worry, Be Happy." Life is full of problems, as McFerrin admits, yet he goes on to advise us not to worry:

In every life we have some trouble/ when you worry you make it double/ Don't worry, be happy.

Ain't got no place to lay your head/ Somebody came and took your bed/ Don't worry, be happy.

The landlord say your rent is late/ He may have to litigate/ Don't worry, be happy.

Ain't got no cash, ain't got no style/ Ain't got no gal to make you smile/ Don't worry, be happy.

Yet there's a big difference between St. Paul and Bobby McFerrin on this issue. McFerrin tells us, "Don't worry, be happy" without telling us why we should be happy and more importantly how to not worry. Paul, on the other hand tells us in today's reading both why we should be happy and how we can dissolve our worries and attain happiness. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near." In other words, we should be happy, not because everything is going our way, or because our health and finances are in great shape, not even because someone has bought us a big Christmas present, but because the Lord is near.

A friend who was diagnosed with leukemia asked before he died, "But why me? I never smoked or touched a drink in my life. I know people who smoke and drink and do all the wrong things, and yet they never got cancer. So why me?" I wish I had the answer; no one does. But today St. Paul reassures us that the coming of the Lord will be a happy surprise for those who believe and hope in Him. Recall that Paul writes these words from inside a Roman prison where he's not sure of coming out alive. So he teaches us not only by word but by example.

It's one thing to know why we shouldn't worry and another to know how not to worry. How can we keep from worrying when surrounded by apparently insurmountable problems and difficulties? Again Paul gives the answer: "Don't worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God." In every difficulty or problem, there's one thing we should do rather than worry, and that is to take it to the Lord in prayer. We don't deny we have worries but we must turn those worries into prayers. That's how, St. Paul tells us, that we're able to arrive at that inner peace which people around us cannot understand. So let us "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say Rejoice!"

WEEKLY COLLECTION - Dec. 5, 2021

St. Barbara

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,210.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 528.00
Give Central	\$ 467.00
Total Collection	\$ 2,205.00

	YTD	Weekly
Actual	\$ 49,639.00	\$ 2,205.00
Goal	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
% of Goal	83%	88%

Votives and Vigil Lights	\$
Mandarin Mass 11/28	\$

St. Therese

\$ 813.00
\$ 791.00
\$ 391.00
\$ 1,995.00

YTD		Weekly	
\$	54,635.00	\$	1,995.00
\$	60,000.00	\$	2,500.00
91%		80%	

\$	\$ 318.00
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Confessions: Saturdays, 4:15-4:45 p.m. at St. Barbara Church or by appointment.

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Wei-Chuan U.S.A., Inc. is a leading Chinese food manufacturer and supplier in the United States and headquartered in City of Industry, California. The Company specializes in producing frozen Chinese foods, including Dumplings, Gyoza, Potstickers, Meat Buns, Spring Roll Shells, Moo-Shu Shells, Wontons, Mini Buns, Pan Fried Buns, Noodle Bowls, Rice Bowls, Spring Rolls, Egg Rolls, Wrappers, and more. We also distribute a wide variety of imported products such as Frozen Food, Dry Food, Frozen Seafood, and Organic Food through our six distribution centers, where customers are able to purchase Wei-Chuan's products at grocery stores or wholesalers in North America.

For more than four decades, Wei-Chuan U.S.A., Inc. has upheld the tradition while also pursuing innovation to produce affordable and delicious foods. With our passion for food, we insist on quality and continuously invest in technical expertise. Our food brings convenience to modern life and also provides a taste of home for overseas Chinese. Moreover, we also seek mainstream market and international market so more people will come to enjoy the Chinese flavor. Wei-Chuan U.S.A., Inc. is committed to corporate responsibility—paying particular attention to food safety and quality, at the same time emphasizing customer satisfaction and traditional taste.

Taste of Happiness

SMTC---Upcoming Special Events and Schedule---2021 Updated

Nov.---Dec. 31st	St. Vincent DePaul Society Food, Gloves, and Hats Drive
Nov. 21st - Dec. 19th	Baby Bottle Project to Benefit <u>The Women's Center</u>
December 11th	5:00pm <u>Simbang Gabi</u> Mass followed with Reception and Youth Gathering
December 12th	9:30am Family Mass followed by Breakfast with Santa 11:30am Indonesian Mass
December 15th	St. Therese School Christmas Concert at 6pm
December 16th	Christmas Novena
December 18th	9:30am-12 noon Parish Advent Recollection
December 19th	Mandarin Mass at 12:30pm followed by Christmas Cantata Christmas Decoration of the Churches (after 9:30am mass SBC & after 10:30am mass STC)
December 24th	Christmas Eve Mass with Pageant at 5pm at St. Therese Christmas Carols at 11:30pm
December 25th	Christmas Mass at 12am (Midnight Mass) at St. Barbara Church Christmas Day Masses: 6:00am and 9:30am at St. Barbara Church 8:00am and 11:00am at St. Therese Church
December 26th	<u>The Holy Family</u> of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Masses: (NO 5:00pm Vigil) 6:00am, and 9:30am at St. Barbara Church 8:00am and 10:30am at St. Therese Church

Christmas Novena:

Christmas Novena is one of the traditions that can prepare us for the birth of Jesus Christ. The novena starts nine days before Christmas from December 16 to 24. During these nine days people gather to pray and sing with the guidance of a particular text to prepare for the coming of Christ into humanity. We invite you to pray it at home or after Mass during these nine days. Prayer brochures are available at the Church entrance table. All are welcome!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



This weekend's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious is taken up each year on the second Sunday of December. Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members. The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) coordinates the annual Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) collection and distributes the proceeds to eligible religious communities. Some 31,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests benefit. The RFR underwrites financial assistance, consultation, and education that help religious communities meet the immediate and ongoing needs of aging members. Please be generous!